

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 are recited below for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments are made at this time.

1. (Previously presented) A bacterium belonging to the genus *Methylobacillus*, into which a DNA which is able to be expressed is introduced, and which has an ability to produce L-lysine or L-arginine, wherein said DNA encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10.

2-7. (Canceled).

8. (Withdrawn) A method for producing L-lysine or L-arginine, comprising culturing the bacterium belonging to the genus *Methylobacillus* of claim 1 in a medium to produce and accumulate L-lysine or L-arginine in culture, and collecting L-lysine or L-arginine from the culture.

9. (Withdrawn) The method for producing L-lysine or L-arginine according to claim 8, wherein the medium contains methanol.

10. (Previously presented) The bacterium according to claim 1, wherein said DNA comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9.

11. (Withdrawn) A method for producing L-lysine or L-arginine, comprising culturing the bacterium belonging to the genus *Methylobacillus* of claim 10 in a medium to produce and accumulate L-lysine or L-arginine in culture, and collecting L-lysine or L-arginine from the culture.

12. (Withdrawn) The method for producing L-lysine or L-arginine according to claim 11, wherein the medium contains methanol.